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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 27, 2003, applicants elect Group I (claims 1, 2, 5 and 6), with traverse. The basis for traversal is that an Examination of both groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner, as the claims in the two groups contain many common features. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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